

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the above amendments in response to the Office Action mailed October 8, 2003. In addition, there are two further issues in this application: 1. clarification of the priority claim; and 2. the source code appendix.

Priority Claim

Applicant has amended the priority claim on page 1. This amendment shows the changes in the priority claim relative to the amended priority claim submitted in the November 17, 2000, amendment. Applicant previously filed amendments to the priority claim on December 4, 2001 and October 28, 2002, but these amendments were not entered. As a result, the above amendment to the priority claim is a re-submission of the amended priority claim filed on October 28, 2002. To confirm, the priority claim at page 1 of the specification has been amended to read as follows:

This application is a continuation of co-pending application 08/649,419, filed May 16, 1996 (now Patent 5,862,260), which is a continuation-in-part of the following applications: PCT/US96/06618, filed May 7, 1996; application 08/637,531, filed April 25, 1996 (now Patent 5,822,436); application 08/534,005, filed September 25, 1995 (now patent 5,832,119); application 08/508,083, filed July 27, 1995 (now patent 5,841,978); application 08/436,102, filed May 8, 1995 (now patent 5,748,783); and application 08/327,426, filed October 21, 1994 (now patent 5,768,426). Application 08/327,426 is a continuation in part of application 08/215,289, filed March 17, 1994 (now abandoned), which is a continuation in part of application 08/154,866, filed November 18, 1993 (now abandoned). Application 08/637,531 also claims priority to application 08/512,993, filed August 9, 1995 (now abandoned). The following U.S. applications are incorporated herein by reference: 08/649,419 and 08/438,159.

Source Code Appendix

A source code listing was originally filed with this application as Appendix B. In compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.96(c) and 1.52(e), Applicant has submitted the source code listing in Appendix B on a compact disc.

Concluding Remarks

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the above amendments.

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